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SUBJECT:CSCE/CBM'S: PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE REFORGER/
75
1. SINCE BULK OF FORCES INVOLVED IN REFORGER/75 AND COMPO-
NENT MANEUVERS WILL BE US TROOPS, WE ASSUME THAT FRG AND
OTHER ALLIES WILL BE LOOKING TO US TO TAKE LEAD IN PRO-
VIDING THE PRIOR NOTIFICATION THAT IS REQUIRED BY CSCE FINAL
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ACT. DRAFT TEXT FOR THIS NOTIFICATION IS TRANSMITTED BELOW,
TOGETHER WITH EXPLANATORY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED PROCEDURE.
USNATO SHOULD COORDINATE TEXT WITH OTHER ALLIES, IN PARTICU-
LAR FRG, CANADA, AND UK, IN POLAD CONTEXT. MISSION SHOULD

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ALSO REPORT WHETHER OR NOT OTHER PARTICIPATING ALLIES WOULD
EXPECT TO SEND PARALLEL NOTES.

2. BEGIN DRAFT TEXT:
(COMPLEMENTARY OPENING)
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS FOR PRIOR NOTIFICATION
OF MAJOR MILITARY MANEUVERS SET OUTINTHE FINAL ACT OF
THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE HONOR
TO NOTIFY EXERCISE "REFORGER/75," DURING WHICH TWO SEPARATE
BUT RELATED FIELD MANEUVERS WILL BE CONDUCTED INVOLVING US

GROUND FORCES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THESE
FIELD MANEUVERS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE PERIOD
13-23 OCTOBER 1975, AND WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE ARMED FORCES
OF CANADA, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AND FRANCE.
EXERCISE REFORGER/75 WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF
"THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES," A COORDINATED SERIES
OF REGULAR NATIONAL/MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND
COMMAND POST EXERCISES BEING CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN
MEMBERS OF NATO.
NAME OF THE EXERCISE: REFORGER/75, INCLUDING FIELD
MANEUVERS "STRAFFE ZUEGEL" AND "CERTAIN TREK".
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: ANNUAL EXERCISE DEPLOYMENT OF US
FORCES TO FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.
PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE:FIELD TRAINING AND TESTING OF
OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.
OVERALL TIMING OF REFORGER/75: EARLY OCTOBER - LATE
NOVEMBER.
--- TIMING OF "STRAFFE ZUEGEL": OCTOBER 13-17
--- TIMING OF "CERTAIN TREK": OCTOBER 14-23
MANEUVER AREAS: "STRAFFE ZUEGEL": NEAR HANNOVER
--- "CERTAIN TREK": NORTHWESTERN BAVARIA
TYPES OF FORCES: PREDOMINANTLY REGULAR GROUND FORCES,
WITH TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT FOR THE FIELD MANUEVERS TO BE
PROVIDED BY US, GERMAN, AND CANADIAN AIR FORCES. A
SMALL UNIT OF US MARINES WILL PARTICIPATE IN "STRAFFE
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ZUEGEL .
COMMAND LEVELS: "STRAFFE ZUEGEL": DIVISION-LEVEL
--- "CERTAIN TREK": CORPS-LEVEL
UNITS PARTICIPATING:
--- "STRAFFE ZUEGEL":
--- ONE GERMAN TANK DIVISION
--- THIRD US ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
--- 36TH US MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT
--- "CERTAIN TREK":
--- THIRD US INFANTRY DIVISION
--- TWO BRIGADES OF FIRST US INFANTRY DIVISION
--- ONE GERMAN TANK BRIGADE
--- ONE INDEPENDENT US BRIGADE (,BRIGADE 75")

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--- ONE CANADIAN MECHANIZED BRIGADE GROUP
--- SECOND US ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT
--- ELEMENTS OF A FRENCH DRAGOON REGIMENT
APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF TROOPS INVOLVED:
--- IN REFORGER/75: (BLANK) US TROOPS
--- IN "STRAFFE ZUEGEL": (BLANK) TROOPS, INCLUDING GERMAN ELEMENTS.
--- IN "CERTAIN TREK": (BLANK) TROOPS, INCLUDING GERMAN, CANADIAN AND FRENCH ELEMENTS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: DURING REFORGER/75, APPROXIMATELY 10,000 US-BASED TROOPS WILL BE DEPLOYED BY MILITARY AIRLIFT TO AND FROM GERMANY, WITH THE COMPLETION OF RETURN MOVEMENTS BY APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 25, 1975. AFTER THE OCTOBER FIELD MANEUVERS, SOME OF THE REFORGER UNITS WILL CONDUCT WEAPONS TEST FIRING EXERCISES IN MAJOR TRAINING AREAS PRIOR TO RETURINING THEIR EQUIPMENT TO STORAGE AND REDEPLOYING TO THE UNITED STATES.
END DRAFT TEXT.

3. IN YOUR PRESENTATION TO ALLIES YOU SHOULD DRAW UPON FOLLOWING:
--- EXPLANATORY COMMENTS:
A. WE PROPOSE TO NOTIFY THE ENTIRE REFORGER/75 EXERCISE, RATHER THAN MERELY THE TWO COMPONENT MANEUVERS "STRAFFE ZUEGEL" AND "CERTAIN TREK", SO AS TO SET PRECEDENT FOR SIMILAR "BIG PICTURE" NOTIFICATIONS FROM THE USSR. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, SOVIETS WERE TO CONDUCT TWO SEPARATE BUT CONFIDENTIAL

RELATED MANEUVERS, ONLY ONE OF WHICH EXCEEDED 25,000 TROOP THRESHOLD, OR A TWO-PHASED MANUEVER WITH ONLY ONE PHASE EXCEEDING 25;000 TROOPS, WE WOULD WISH TO ENCOURAGE LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF CSCE NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS AS APPLYING TO ENTIRE MANEUVER PLAN RATHER THAN TO ISOLATED PORTIONS OF IT.

B. WE HAVE NOT INCLUDED ANY REFERENCE TO PARTICIPATION OF THIRD ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT WITH UK IN COMMAND POST EXERCISE "AUTUMN SALES" (OCTOBER 6-10). WITH UK CONCURRENCE, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ADDING FOLLOWING AS SECOND SENTENCE UNDER "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION": "PRIOR TO THE FIELD MANEUVERS, THE THIRD US ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMAND POST EXERCISE WITH UK FORCES IN THE BRITISH CORPS AREA OF NORTHERN GERMANY." HOWEVER, THIS WOULD PROBABLY ALSO REQUIRE ADDING UK TO THE COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED IN INTRODUCTION TO NOTE AS TAKING PART IN REFORGER/75.

C. SINCE ALLIES AGREE THAT PARTICIPANTS IN MANEUVERS MIGHT IN SOME CASES JOIN HOST STATES IN ISSUING INVI-TATIONS FOR OBSERVERS (USNATO 4530), WE BELIEVE IT WOULD

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BE APPROPRIATE FOR US TO JOIN FRG IN INVITATIONS TO REFORGER. IF FRG AND OTHERS CONCUR; WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ADD INVITATION ALONG LINES OF LANGUAGE IN STATE 192319 IN NOTES ADDRESSED TO SELECTED INVITEES. WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF CANADA AND FRANCE ALSO WISH TO JOIN IN EXTENDING INVITATIONS. WE WILL FORWARD SUGGESTED ADDRESSEES AND DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR THIS PORTION OF NOTE PROMPTLY AFTER FULL REVIEW OF BONN 13967 AND USNATO 4530.

4. TIMING: ALTHOUGH STRICT READING OF CSCE FINAL ACT WOULD NOT REQUIRE NOTIFICATION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22 (21 DAYS BEFORE FIELD MANEUVERS), WE WOULD PREFER IN THIS CASE TO NOTIFY NO LESS THAN 21 DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING OF REFORGER COMBAT TROOP DEPLOYMENTS ON 1 OCTOBER (I.E., NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 10), SO AS TO AVOID ANY MISUNDER-STANDINGS. ADDITIONAL REASON FOR PROMPT ACTION IS TO PROVIDE DIPLOMATIC NOTIFICATION BEFORE PRESS RELEASE ON REFORGER/75 . FOR THESE REASONS, YOU SHOULD SET SEPTEMBER 5 AS TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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COORDINATION WITH ALLIES ON TEXT AND PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION AND ON INITIAL INVITATIONS TO OBSERVERS FOR REFORGER.

5. FOR USCINCEUR: BY OUR READING OF CSCE FINAL ACT, WE ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE NUMERICAL TROOP STRENGTH OF EACH NOTIFIED MANEUVER, AND WILL THUS NEED SEPARATE TROOP TOTALS FOR "STRAFFE ZUEGEL" AND "CERTAIN TREK". ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST THAT YOU FORWARD ASAP ESTIMATED FIGURES FOR BLANKS IN DRAFT NOTE UNDER "APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF TROOPS INVOLVED."

6. GUIDANCE ON OTHER POINTS IN BONN 13967 AND USNATO 4530 FOLLOW SEPTEL. INGERSOLL

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